

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

March 14, 2022

In person and via Zoom

Attendees

In person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Dan Lennon	KK6VNY

Via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Marion Gade	KC6OBK

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

- April 30th SET preparation and training
- Digital Net report
 - Packet/BBS/Winlink
 - Introduction to minimum gear

New business

- Calendar of Events / 25th Anniversary
 - April 30th SET
 - Establish committee
 - Registration form
 - [2022 Field Day June 25](#)

- Establish committee
- EC July 4th?

Old business

- Membership dues / Online payment
- Club insurance has been established/paid and [posted](#)
- In-person meeting location, KCC
- MOU update

Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

- Equipment maintenance team report
- New antennas and patch boxes planned for March/April

Elmering

- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

Adjourn

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the February meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda.

Training session

SET Preparation

- The date for the spring SET is Apr.30.
- Volunteers for a SET planning committee are needed.
- Portable operation using battery power is encouraged.
- GMRS neighborhood net participation is encouraged.
- Some beginners might like to be in the same location as an experienced operator to get an introduction to emergency operation.
- We will work on having explanatory signs available to inform the public passing by what our function is.
- Should CERT be asked to be involved with the SET? For the previous SET there was no interest from CERT and there may not even be any practical CERT at this time. Should we send email invitations to the list of CERT graduates?
- Should practice messages be fully scheduled as in previous SETs? Other options might be all impromptu timed messages or half scheduled and half impromptu.

- If there are enough people available, the ideal situation for each hub would be a ham operator, a GMRS operator, and a message manager.

Digital net report

- Weekly meetings of those interested in digital communication are continuing.
- Recent sessions have involved packet and winlink.

Business session

New business/Calendar of events

Field Day

- Field Day is Saturday, June 25
- Check with EBARC whether they will join us again this year or work separately.
- Should we look for a different location for this year with more possible foot traffic but still with room for us?
- Field Day planning committee volunteers: Hal, Frans, Dan, Howdy, Tom

El Cerrito 4th of July

- El Cerrito is tentatively planning a 4th of July event depending on whether there are sufficient contributions to fund it.
- We can look into having a table there.

Old business

Treasury, Dues

- Our website Paypal link is functioning.

Insurance

- The ARRL club liability insurance policy is now in place.
- Individual operators may also buy individual insurance to cover their personal equipment.

In-person meetings

- Our hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting at the KCC is now working successfully.

Outreach

- Would an El Cerrito summer camp for radios be possible?

Technical / Infrastructure

- Access to the El Cerrito City Hall for radio maintenance may be able to be provided by Chief James.
- Antennas and patchboxes for city park locations still need to be done.

Elmering

- Elmering will now be done via KE website email.
- A suggestion was made to make emailed elmering questions visible to several of us so any of several members could answer.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.